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SUBJECT: INDIAN ATTENDANCE AT FAA CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY COURSE

1. IN A SERIES OF INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS LAST WEEK AND THIS, EMBASSY WAS INFORMED THAT HOME MINISTRY HAD, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, BEEN PURSUING ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDIAN SECURITY OFFICERS TO ATTEND FAA SECURITY COURSE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER. EMBASSY HAD INFORMED T.V. RAJESWAR (DIRECTOR FOR SECURITY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION) LAST MAY THAT SEPTEMBER COURSE WAS ALREADY OVERSUBSCRIBED (STATE 130360). HE SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME AWARE OF HOME MINISTRY'S EFFORTS, BUT ASSUMED THAT THAT MINISTRY HAD TAKEN NECESSARY STEPS TO RESERVE SPACE IN CLASS.

2. FORMAL REQUEST FOR TWO OFFICERS TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER COURSE WAS FORWARDED FROM THE HOME MINISTRY TO THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY LAST WEEK. OFFICIAL AT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY CALLED EMBOFF NEAR COB FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1. EMBOFF INFORMED HIM, AS WE HAD INFORMED HOME MINISTRY OFFICIAL AND REMINDED RAJESWAR, THAT SEPTEMBER COURSE HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SOME MONTHS. IN LINE WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FAA SECURITY SPECIALIST CARRINGTON DURING HIS VISIT LAST JULY, EMBOFF SAID THAT COURSE PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE OFFERED IN EARLY PART OF NEW FISCAL YEAR PENDING RESTRUCTURING. ALL THE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM
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WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE RESPONDED BY ASKING THAT SPACE FOR TWO INDIAN OFFICIALS BE ARRANGED IN FIRST AVAILABLE COURSE.

3. RAJESWAR TELEPHONED EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 7 TO REPORT THAT INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD ADVISED THAT FAA SECURITY COURSE WOULD BE OFFERED IN OCTBER. HE

ASKED EMBASSY TO CONFIRM THIS AND TO CONVEY GOI REQUEST
FOR TWO SPACES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM STATUS OF FAA
SECURITY COURSE IN NEW FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING AVAIL-
ABILITY OF FUNDING FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS. ALSO ADVISE
FIRST AVAILABLE OPENINGS FOR INDIAN OFFICERS. EMBASSY
IS ENCOURAGED BY INCREASED INTEREST OF GOI SECURITY
OFFICIALS IN IMPROVED AIR SECURITY IN THE RECENT PAST
AND RECOMMENDS THAT USG RESPOND TO THEIR INITIATIVE TO THE
MAXIMUM EXTEND POSSIBLE.
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